

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**  
**Owl Creek Gravel Pit Expansion, USDA Forest Service**  
**Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forest**  
**Ouray County, Colorado**

The Ouray Ranger District proposes to expand the Owl Creek Gravel Pit to provide additional aggregate for re-surfacing the Owl Creek-Cimarron Road NFSR 858. The pit is in Ouray County, south of NFSR 858, in T.45N. R.7W. Section 3, N.M.P.M.

The pit has an insufficient quantity of stockpiled rock to meet current road maintenance needs. The environmental analysis is for one entry into the pit, followed by reclamation of the site. The EA will analyze the Proposed Action, No Action, and an alternative that uses commercially sourced rock. Additional alternatives may be considered based on public involvement. The decision will be whether or not to authorize expanding the gravel pit, using a dispersed campsite for a staging and storage area and the inclusion of conditions required to protect resources. The Ouray District Ranger, Tammy Randall-Parker, will be the deciding official.

More information can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40664> or by contacting Liz Mauch, Project Lead at 970-240-5405 or [lmauch@fs.fed.us](mailto:lmauch@fs.fed.us)

Please submit comments via mail, email, fax, or in person. In order to obtain objection standing to any future decisions under 36 CFR part 218 Subparts A & B implementing a land management plan not subject to HFRA, comments must be in writing and must be received (if submitted electronically or hand delivered) or postmarked no later than 30 days after the publication of the legal notice in the *Montrose Daily Press* or February 18, 2016 whichever is later. Commenters should include their name, address and organizations represented, if any. Please note, names and contact information submitted with comments will become part of the project file and the public record. Comments related to the NEPA process may include any resource values of concern, and will be addressed in the NEPA analysis. Notice of the Decision will be mailed to those who file comments.

Please submit comments to: **Mail:** Ouray Ranger District, Attn: Liz Mauch, 2505 S Townsend, Montrose, CO 81401; **Email:** [lmauch@fs.fed.us](mailto:lmauch@fs.fed.us) or **Fax:** 970-240-5367 (Attn: Liz Mauch, Ouray Ranger District).